



Natural Resource Outreach Coalition

Center for Land Conservation Assistance

NROC

- Coordinates efforts among participating organizations
- Provides educational & technical assistance to coastal communities
- Facilitates discussion and dialog among community boards, city/town staff and residents



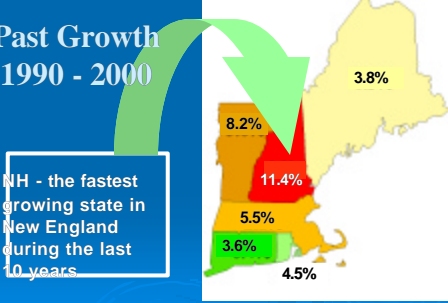
NROC helps communities...

- Learn the facts about natural resources
- Learn the tools of natural resource protection
- Bring boards and committees together
- Focus the community's goals
- Create a plan
- Build community support
- Move plans into action
- Locate funding

...to accomplish Natural Resource Based Planning

NH Population Growth

Past Growth
1990 - 2000



US Census Bureau 2001



Dealing With Growth

New Hampshire's Environment at Risk

- Three communities per year
- Preparatory meetings
- *Dealing with Growth* presentation
- Follow up assistance
 - Community action groups
 - Programs and workshops
 - Implementation Projects

Communities Want to Know...

Natural Resources



Economic Vitality





Community Character

...Can We Have It All?

The Ways We Grow Affect Our Community Resources

- Habitat
- Water Quantity
- Water Quality



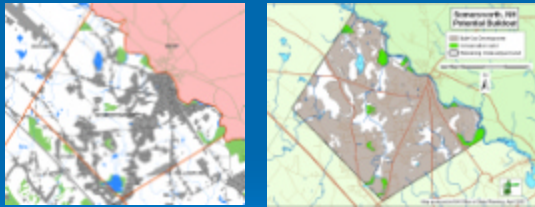
...Which Affect

- Community Character & Economic Vitality !

NROC focus is on land use and natural resource-based planning



So Why Do Natural Resource Based Planning?



Land use decisions are cumulative over time.

Strategy for Natural Resource Based Planning

Conservation:
Protect Open Space

Development:
Minimize Impacts

- Conservation Planning
- Land Conservation
- Outreach
- Conservation Funding

- Zoning
- Site Selection
- Site Design
- Transportation

Finding a common reality

“NROC helped us channel our efforts. Although there were boards and volunteers already working on projects related to growth, it wasn’t until we worked with NROC that we started working together”.

Seeing a common vision

“...NROC has really shifted my perspective; now I feel much better equipped to “think globally, act locally” by pursuing small neighborhood victories.”

Setting a common agenda

- Developed & updated Open Space Plans.
- Applied for grants.
- Secured conservation easements
- Conducted outreach and education campaigns
- Bonded funds for land conservation.
- Committees forming to undertake action.
- Boards and citizens working together.

Past and Present NROC Communities

- Newmarket
- Newfields
- Barrington
- Exeter
- Stratham
- Dover
- Somersworth
- Candia
- Nottingham



Dover NROC participants